

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 14228 041212Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----093776 041213Z /46

P R 041203Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY BONN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0856
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14228

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PET, SA, GW
SUBJECT: VISIT OF SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER

REFS: A) BONN 13720; B) BONN 12218

1. FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THAT SAUD AL-FAYSAL'S BRIEF VISIT HERE CONSISTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OF A GERMAN READOUT ON THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND PRODUCED LITTLE NEW ON OTHER SUBJECT MATTER. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, HOWEVER, AL-FAYSAL SAID THE SAUDIS WOULD RAISE OIL PRICES IF THE US LIMITED CONSUMPTION THROUGH TAX INCREASES.

2. SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD AL-FAYSAL MADE A BRIEF (3-1/2 HOUR) WORKING VISIT TO BONN ON JULY 29. THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER MET WITH GENSCHER FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND ALSO PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE CHANCELLOR. AL-FAYSAL'S VISIT CAME AT THE REQUEST OF PRINCE FAHAD, WHO HAD ASKED THE GERMANS FOR A BRIEFING ON THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT DURING HIS VISIT HERE IN JUNE. AS EXPECTED, AL-FAYSAL WAS PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN THE EFFECT OF
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 14228 041212Z

SUMMIT DECISIONS ON THE THIRD WORLD. THE GERMANS STRESSED THAT EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THE MONETARY SYSTEM WERE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SAUDIS. GERMAN WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS TELL US GENSCHER HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT AL-FAYSAL WAS SATISFIED WITH THE SUMMIT RESULTS. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, HOWEVER, HE TOLD GENSCHER THAT, IF THE US WERE TO LIMIT OIL CONSUMPTION THROUGH

TAX INCREASES, THE SAUDIS WOULD IMMEDIATELY RESPOND BY RAISING PRICES.

3. WE WERE TOLD AL-FAYSAL PRESENTED WELL-KNOWN SAUDI POSITIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. AL-FAYSAL WAS, HOWEVER, LESS POSITIVE ON THE SADAT INITIATIVE THAN FAHAD HAD BEEN IN JUNE (REF B); HE TOLD THE GERMANS JIDDA NOW SAW LITTLE SENSE IN SADAT'S CONTINUING. HE CHARACTERIZED THE LEEDS CONFERENCE AS YET ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAD STAGNATED. HE ALSO SAID NO PROGRESS COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE THE ISRAELIS WERE MAKING THEIR DECISIONS, NOT ON THE BASIS OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD, BUT RATHER ON THE BASIS OF US POLICY. THE SAUDI MINISTER, AT LEAST IN HIS MEETING WITH GENSCHER, MADE NO MENTION OF THE HORN, YEMEN OR EC POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. GERMAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE RELATIONS BETWEEN BONN AND JIDDA HAVE IMPROVED NOTABLY SINCE THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT THERE IN THE SUMMER OF 1976. THE GERMANS CONTINUE TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEIR TIES TO THE SAUDIS, NOT LEAST OF ALL BECAUSE SAUDI ARABIA IS GERMANY'S LEADING OIL SUPPLIER (20 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS) AND A MAJOR SITE OF GERMAN MARKETS AND INVESTMENT.
MEEHAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BONN 14228 041212Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, VISITS, PRICES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BONN14228
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780319-0074
Format: TEL
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780894/aaaadbhu.tel
Line Count: 94
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e4811d68-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 BONN 13720, 78 BONN 12218
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1827366
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT OF SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER
TAGS: PEPR, ENRG, SA, GE, (AK-FAYSAL, SAUD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e4811d68-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014